

**A Proclamation submitted by
Legislators Miller-Williams and Grant**

RE: Congratulating the Buffalo Branch of the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) on its 100th Anniversary and 49th Annual Medgar Evers Award Banquet

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Branch of the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) is a social advocacy institution that was organized locally in 1915 by social justice advocates such as Mary B. Talbert and Rev. Dr. J. Edward Nash, the formation of the National organization also began here in Buffalo during the Niagara Movement conference organized by W.E.B. DuBois in 1905; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Branch of the National Association of Colored People focuses on disparities in Education, Health, Public Safety, Economic Sustainability and in the Political process, their current advocacy work involves opposition to proposed changes to the Buffalo School Board, opposition to charter schools receiving public funding, AIDS and diabetes education, fair treatment in the Criminal Court system, participation in the Black Leadership Forum, participation in the annual Straight Talk Small Business Forum and endorsement of minorities in the Democratic and Republican parties of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Branch of the NAACP seeks to recognize community members on their commitment to volunteer service, the organization hosts an annual award ceremony that honors young people and adults for their volunteer work involving the betterment of human or race relations, the betterment of the community as a whole, and those that speak out for the rights of the minorities through written or electronic press.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize The Buffalo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary, to congratulate them on hosting their 49th Annual Medgar Evers Award Dinner and to commend the NAACP for their continued efforts to enhance the quality of life in Erie County.